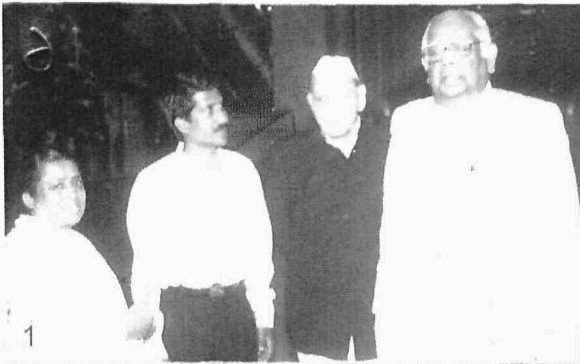


World Renewal



1. Mount Abu (Om Shanti Bhawan): Lighting candles for launching the project "Living Spirituality For Value - Based society" are Bro. U. Upendra, Former Union Minister, Bro. Mohapatra, Bro. Devinder Singh, Bro. Bhola Singh, Bro. Uday Bhanu, B.K. Ramesh Shah, Dadi Ratan Mohini, B.K. Shanti and Bro. Interjeet Singh former Union Minister. 2. Mount Abu (Gyan Sarovar): Lighting candles to inaugurate National Convention on "Politicians as Harbingers Of Golden Era" organized by Politicians' Wing are Hon'ble Bro. P. Upendra, Hon'ble Bro. Inderjeet Singh, both former Union Ministers, Dadi Monohar Indra, Sis. Anuradha and others.



1. Ahmednagar: B.K. Deepak and B.K. Rajeshwari posing with the Speaker of Lok Sabha Bro. Somnath Chatterjee. 2. Mumbai (Gamdevi): Inaugurating the conference on "Building of Value-Based Society Through Spirituality" are B.K. Usha, B.K. Ramesh, Bro. Vinod Ambani, Bro. Girish Pillai, Manager, Western Railways and Mulla Ashraf Baba. 3. Hyderabad: Inaugurating the Sports Wing's "Master Training Programme" are Bro. V.V. S. Laxman, Justice Ishwariya, B.K. Shashi, B.K. Kuldeep and others. 4. Mount Abu: Lighting candle to inaugurate a seminar-cum-retreat on "Positive and Productive Life-Style" are Bro. Shankar Singh Vaghela, Union Minister of Textiles and Rajyogini Dadi Prakashmani. Others from (R to L) are B.K. Mohan Singhal, Dr. A.G. Agarwal, B.K. Nirvair, B.K. Sarla and others. 5. Bhilai Nagar: Sis. Neeta Lodhi, Mayor, alongwith B.K. Anjali, B.K. Tarika and others inaugurating the Exhibition "Freedom from Drug-Addiction". 6. Surat: At the inauguration of the Project "Building of Value-Based Society Through Spiritual Life" are Bro. Kashi Ram Rana, MP, B.K. Mrithyunjay, B.K. Sis. Ranjan, B.K. Sis. Denise, Bro. Pravin Bhai Nanavati, B.K. Daksha and others. 7. Baroda: Lighting candles to inaugurate the programme "Building of "Value-Based Society Through Spiritual Life" are B.K. Dadi Ratan Mohini, B.K. Sarala, B.K. Dr. Niranjana, Kanti Bhai Tadvi and others. 8. Mount Abu: Lighting lamps to inaugurate All India Seminar-cum-Retreat on "Journey Towards Self-Realization" are Bro. Vinod Agrawal, Prop. Hilton Hotel, Bro. G.R. Khetarpal, B.K. Meera, B.K. Dadi Manohar Indira, B.K. Om Prakash and others.

Godly Service Report

GYAN SAROVAR (MOUNT ABU)

Spirituality Training Programme for **Indian Women's International Cricket Team**

Brahma Kumaris Academy for a Better World, Gyan Sarovar, hosted a special training programme for a group of inspirational women – the *Indian Women's International Cricket Team*. It took three days for the Cricket Team members to go through a series of meditation sessions, discourses on spiritual topics and *yogasana*. The team members sharing their experiences said that the practice of meditation had boosted their morale, self-esteem, concentration power and determination, and they would continue to enhance their skills.

Mrs. Nutun Gavaskar (sister of Mr. Sunil Gavaskar), *Manager of Indian Women's International Cricket Team*, **Ms. Mitali Raj, Captain, Ms. Veena Parlekar, Ms. Neetu David, Ms. Anju Jain, Ms. Hemlata Kala, Ms. Anjum Chopra, Ms. Arundhati Kirkire, Ms. Jhulan Goswami, Ms. Diana David** and others were part of the group of 30 who took benefit from the Training Programme.

BKs congratulated the team members for their hardwork and courage and wished this pioneering team all the best for a successful future!

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HEARTY THANKS

We feel pleasure to inform our esteemed readers that "The World Renewal" is entering 36th year of its publication with this issue (July 2005). We are grateful to you for your kind patronage and continued support. It is on account of your keen interest that the magazine has been progressing on all counts. During the last year, we introduced a new column "The Readers' Forum", to which you contributed liberally. Recently we have introduced "Students' Column".

We always continue to strive for providing spiritual nourishment, in the form of enriching articles, experiences, interviews etc. On behalf of the editorial team and the staff, we again thank you and hope that you would continue to support and encourage this noble cause through your valued opinions and suggestions. On this occasion, we also thank our writers for their unique contribution in the task of the world rejuvenation.

– **Chief Editor**

SUPREMACY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT



From time immemorial, there have been legends after legends about the supremacy of the human spirit. Whether the world has suffered tragedies due to wars or natural calamities, the losses in terms of human lives and property have been beyond belief. Nonetheless, the human spirit has remained the victor. There is no doubt that at such times of trials and tribulations, mankind derives immense courage from within the self and from God, the Almighty. The best of human values also emerge when we are challenged by the most powerful of natural calamities. The human spirit never dies, rather, we find new opportunities to prove beyond doubt that we, the human souls, are children of the Supreme Divine Being and so nature is subservient to us.

Why are we challenged by the elements from time to time? Sometimes it is water, sometimes it is fire (sun) that attacks us... We all are aware that in the recent past, few weeks back, we faced

torturous heat-waves in many parts of India, especially Orissa, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. This was immediately followed by torrential rainfall and heavy floods in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and various other places. Alongside, we continue to hear about severe earthquakes, floods and forest fires occurring around the world from time to time. The extremity and frequency of such natural calamities have been increasing in recent times – why? Our scriptures and prophecies penned by philosophers of yore do talk about the degradation of values, violent events and natural calamities, but they mostly remain silent about the causes behind such happenings.

As per the “*Law of Karma*”, nothing happens without reason. The “*Law of Cause and Effect*” has always existed but sadly enough we pay heed only when faced with extreme hardships. Our immediate response is very positive and is strengthened with courage and commitment; therefore, we undoubtedly are able to overcome hardships and soften the impact of shocking

circumstances. During these hardships we do reflect on long-term plans but the enthusiasm gradually loses tempo and everyone gets busy with day-to-day affairs. It was hardly six months ago when we faced the onslaught of the Tsunami earthquake and its repercussions, and just 3 years ago when we were shaken badly by the Kutch-Bhuj earthquake! The severity of these calamities and subsequent loss of human lives and property have compelled us to think deeply on two aspects: one being our immediate and long-term response on physical levels and secondly, focus on the philosophical plane: could there be collective karmic accounts of humanity at large that are inviting the most extreme calamities?

For example, on the physical level we are told that the emission of gases all over the world is intensifying the greenhouse effect (increase in global temperature). To rectify the problem, the world community through the United Nations and several other forums are doing whatever is possible to reduce the emission of such gases that affect the atmosphere. But what about the second half connected with the whole of humanity, to the human spirit?

From the latest media reports,

we can feel the pulse of society at large. In all spheres of activity affecting our regular life, we witness the grave and great deterioration of values in all fields. For instance, there are reports of divisions in political groups leading to uncertainty and instability of Governments; there is cut-throat competition in business and industry everywhere, implying a constant threat to all employees; on the societal level, there is an ever-increasing number of cases in violence, abduction, rape, murder, arson, dowry deaths, divorce, child abuse, looting in trains and thefts at the venues of natural calamities; suffering due to physical and mental ailments with sky-rocketing prices for drugs and hospital expenses are hitting hard on the community psyche... In short, health, wealth and happiness, which were once our God-Fatherly birthright, are hardly to be found among the masses anywhere. All this and much more compel us to ponder over the basic causes or original negative actions that have brought so much pain to human souls everywhere. Is there any panacea to these sufferings? Can humanity rise to the challenges of modern times? Such thoughts do arise in our

hearts and minds when we sit back and reflect deeply in seclusion.

There is a saying: "*God bestows the answer to such difficult perplexities*". But how does this take place? When? Where? And who are the recipients? There have to be answers to these pertinent queries; to bring them to light before the suffering humankind, Godly messengers have been and are conveying His message of spiritual awakening, that is, the exact solution to every dilemma.

For this very reason, several mega programmes under the title, "*Living Spirituality for a Value-Based Society*", are being held in different parts of the world. This Campaign, inaugurated at the World Headquarters of **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya**, would reach the maximum number of people in order to awaken them from the deep slumber of ignorance and make them realise the futility of vices and negativities that have eroded the vital and positive treasures of every human being. Human life was meant to be lived to the fullest every moment and not for suffering all the time. Ignorance about one's true self and the real connection and relationship with

the Supreme Father has deprived us of enjoying our real life of *jeevan-mukti* or liberation-in-life. By bringing divinity and spirituality back into our lives, we learn to live by reality, truthfulness, love and fearlessness; divine family values return in full and life embellished with complete happiness, perfect health, abundant wealth, peace, beauty and loving relationships re-emerge in every home. This is how we human souls from every field and profession become His noble instruments as harbingers of the Golden Era.

Wouldn't you like to be His great instrument of world transformation? Of course you would. It is a very good aim guaranteed to be fulfilled with success. Bharat, in particular, and the world, in general, need visionaries as well as flag bearers of complete positive self-transformation to create a new world of absolute peace and plenty, devoid of any kind of natural calamities. When human souls return to their true nature of purity and peace, nature (the five elements) becomes co-operative and obedient to mankind in turn. May you become such a mighty instrument of positive change!

— **B.K. Nirwair**

BRIEF REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
ON **"Politicians as Harbingers of the
Golden Era"**

National Conference on the theme of "Politicians as Harbingers of the Golden Era" was organised by the Politicians' Service Wing of Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation, at Gyan Sarovar, Mount Abu, from 2nd-5th July 2005. About 300 political leaders gathered together to share their views and experiences. *Some of the distinguished speakers included:*

Shri S. Udhyanu, Deputy Speaker of A. P. Assembly, **Shri Radha Krishan Malviya**, Former Union Minister and MP, Indore, **Shri Indrajit**, Famous Journalist and Former MP, **Shri Talo Mugli**, Former Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, **Shri P. Upendra**, Former Union Minister, **Shri Devendra Singh**, Former Deputy Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly, **Prof. Shri S.S. Mohapatra**, Former MP, **B.K. Bro. Brij Mohan**, Chairperson of Politicians' Service Wing, **B.K. Ramesh Shah**, Managing Trustee, World Renewal Spiritual Trust, **B.K. Sister Lakshmi**, National Co-ordinator of

Politicians' Service Wing
An excerpt from the statement adopted by the delegates is as follows:

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

India has gained much momentum in its development. We can safely predict that any element of mismanagement by the political class cannot substantially alter the situation, as the people are determined to march ahead. However, if the political class has to erase the common impression that they are distorting and mismanaging the nation's affairs, they have to free themselves of the unworthy aspects. There should be greater probity in public life and more accountability among the ruling class – both politicians and administrators. There should be:

- ▶ greater transparency in public affairs – the Right to Information Act should be truly made effective. A soul-searching among public men to see whether they are performing their duties to the satisfaction of the people;

- ▶ commitment to the nation;
- ▶ a complete overhaul of the electoral system; reducing the impact of money and muscle power;

- ▶ less disturbances and more business-like atmosphere in our Parliament and State Legislatures; strict compliance to Ethics and Code of Conduct;
- ▶ a break in the nexus between the corrupt politicians, administrators and businessmen;
- ▶ delinking of religion from politics;
- ▶ a halt to the criminalization of politics and the link between politicians and the mafia;
- ▶ a curb on corruption – this can be controlled, as countries that were once notorious for corruption have been able to bring in greater probity in public life, thanks to committed and visionary leadership, as well as changes in rules, systems and procedures.

SPIRITUALITY IN POLITICS

The spiritual element has to be inducted more and more in the lives of politicians as well as administrators, with emphasis on meditation and self-analysis. We commend the efforts being made by the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya under the guidance of Dadi Prakash Maniji in organising camps and seminars for various sections of people, including politicians, and affording them an opportunity to discuss and analyse the country's problems and find solutions for the same. ●

THOUGHTFUL AND TRUTHFUL LIVING – KEY TO LIFE OF JOY

– B. K. Surendran, Bangalore

When we look around, we can see many people in a race to compete with others in display, outplay and overplay. If a person can accommodate his wants within the means, he is legitimately destined to get through hard efforts, he has no poverty and insufficiency. Once there was a person whose two neighbours built mansions, as they earned lot of money from foreign countries. This man who was staying in a small house, wanted to be like them. His wife also started pestering him. He raised loans from banks and other sources and built a house like that of his neighbours. When he was not able to return the money, stress and strain overtook him. One day he died of heart attack. He even could not spend a day in peace and happiness in his newly built house. The bank auctioned his house to recover their money. His wife and children had to rent house and live in poverty. There are many people who have a moderate income in which they can lead a

moderate and satisfactory life. But due to bad habits of sorts they are in distress and their families are poverty stricken. This poverty is of their own making. **It appears that about 99 percent of the people in this world forget to live at a time when they are supposed to actually lead a better life and enjoy each moment of living. When they start remembering to live, the prime time is already over and it is too late.** It will be usually at the end of the tunnel. They would be victims of ill health and strained relationships. We have many such depressed and diseased people.

Every day we see birds in the sky. They do not sow the seeds, they do not harvest it, nor do they store it. Still they are happy always. They do not even think of the future. They have no tension and stress. Therefore, it is not prudent to think and worry as to what we will wear, eat and drink tomorrow and get stressed up. If we learn to live today, tomorrow will be lively and lovely. It is not that we should

not have money. We must earn money through noble means and hard efforts. At the same time, we must be satisfied with what we have. We must give more importance to constructive and creative thinking and not to become victims of emotions and feelings which may be prompted by jealousy, hatred, revenge, dislike, selfishness and so on. Those who are thoughtful and truthful will always be happy. Be the proud owner of pretty, nice, beautiful, pleasant, lively, lovely and enthusiastic thoughts. Such thoughts can be earned from the past unique moments, if any, and from the present and can be invested in forming beautiful thoughts for the future. We would like to share a few thoughtful thoughts and naked truths of life which are again seeded into the basic life principles – **values in life. It is here that we have to balance wisdom and feelings. What is wisdom? Basically, it means to live by principles of natural laws. It is applied knowledge.** Basic principles are universal. They transcend culture and geography. We should not be overtaken by momentary feelings and emotions. We should focus ourselves on the reality of life at all times. There is always a space between a stimuli and response. Let us catch up with

that space to respond intellectually, creatively and constructively. Let our actions not boomerang into disappointments, distress and defeats. Basic life principles are timeless, they never change – principles such as fairness, kindness, respect, honesty, integrity, service, compassion, empathy, sympathy and so on. At the back of these principles is the master – the conscience. Conscience is the still, small and peaceful voice within. It is the moral law within. It teaches that the ends and means are inseparable. As Gandhiji said – “through the unprincipled unworthy means, the ends will turn to dust” as is expressed in his following observation:

“Wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principles.”

BE YOUR OWN GUIDE

You are your own teacher and guide. Be realistic and reasonable while dealing with inner world and outer world situations. There is nothing here, which we can call our own. We have not brought anything with us when we came

to this world. Every body gets the daily quota for a living. We have to be a light unto ourselves. We should not tread the path of life with the light of others' lamp. When the lamp of others burnout we will be in darkness. Our thoughts, feelings, emotions, imaginations and visions make up our real world. And that world is within each of us. Those who have mental power and clear focus in life can only become the light for others. An ideal is very important in our life. *We must form an ideal, after sustained reasonable, realistic and experience based thinking which can only guide and lead us in the right path.*

► **Mutual faith and respect, and respect for freedom and rights of others**—Faith can move mountains, the saying goes. Suspicion, doubt, distrust, mistrust, etc. are unseen psychosomatic diseases which are silent killers. Reasonable thinking will reveal that these are neither useful for us nor will these help others in any way. On the contrary negative thoughts will jeopardise our inner well being. Respect for others' faith and beliefs and their freedom to pursue such a faith should be our philosophy and practice. Accept others with respect and love. Be

helpful to others unconditionally. Look at them what they are and accept them as they are. Treat them the way we expect others to treat us. Behave with others in the way we expect others to behave with us.

► **Live this moment** – Let us actively live this moment and proceed to the next moment. The Lord has given us this “**present**” as the birth day gift in which three kinds of invaluable wealth are always available as a pack. The pack contains the thoughts, time and breath. If we actively live now these three kinds of wealth are purposefully invested. Do not worry about the next moment. We should neither attempt for a postmortem of the past nor should we conduct an operation of the future. Instead let us learn from the past, reinforce our present with the experience of the past and constructively visualize and plan for the future. Our aim should be to enjoy the present with joy and sustain that joy with the strength of enlightenment and the gifts of life. When we have emboldened our background with the above enlightening thoughts, the thoughts about uncertainty of future will never disturb us. We see many people running around for amassing wealth, gaining a position and popularity in

society, getting a position of authority, controlling people and affairs in the world. But these people forget to live. We must always take a specific and clear decision after putting in lot of sustained, creative and constructive thinking and then pursue such a decision to its logical conclusion. We have a right to always smile and live. Then we will be living beings with lot of life and vibrancy while radiating such a vibrancy to our surroundings.

► **Silently observe life, situations, people and educate ourselves constantly** – When we keep learning and enjoying life we will grow younger and younger. This is the way to keep us always living people. The moment we think that we know everything or we have learnt a lot, we close the doors of knowledge. Always keep your doors open to gain more and more knowledge. We can change and mould only ourselves. Flexibility is the time-tested greatest asset. It always gives us extra mileage. The control is within us. The moment our locus of control shifts to outside, we come under bondages of sorts and become slaves. Let us be free people enjoying life at our will and choice. Let us remember

the prayer: ‘God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference’.

► **Be detached, shun ego**– This is our feeling that ‘so and so belongs to us; every thing belongs to us. We should only enjoy’. Such thoughts develop attachments and selfishness. In fact nothing belongs to us. We have the freedom to use these for the present. Experience has taught us that in reality we are all travelers in this world. We use and misuse the things and comforts that are available in this world. We have to handover these to those who are in the queue behind. Let us sacrifice these inebriations. We are very small creatures on this earth. Let us get back our true wealth of humility. This wealth will bring in all other kinds of real wealth. Humility is the essence of knowledge in action. We can see a tree. It gives the shadow to a traveler. It gives fruits. It does not expect anything. In the nature everything gives something or other. Let us give, give and give. Taking is implied in giving. What we give comes back to us.

► **Learn from all Life Situations** – Nothing happens

without a reason. What we see and observe in this world are consequences. Just because we do not know the reason let us not brow beat. Let us prepare to accept and adapt. **Problems come to us not to tumble us but to humble us.** The law of karma is always reformative and not punitive. Accept every situation and people. It is an opportunity for learning and growth. Mentally prepare in advance for such an attitude and approach to life and life situations.

► **Do not postpone – do it right, right now** – Many people forget to live. Plan life with a specific purpose and focus. What we want to be at 20, what we want to be at 30, 40, 50, 60 and so on. Chalk out the programme and chart out the way. We must have a clear vision, adopt appropriate mission, inject the passion required to materialize the vision through the mission. Let us do now what we want to do. Discipline is the base. Discipline is will-power embodied. Discipline is the ability to understand reality at the moment and accept it, it acknowledges the brute facts of things as they are. Discipline is the ability to have freedom to enjoy life and work. ●

VIRTUE OF CONTENTMENT

— B.K. Maharshi, Milpitas, USA

Contentment is conventionally defined as “to be satisfied with one’s situation in life”. However, to be content is to really experience eternal bliss and use it as energy to achieve our true aim in life.

Conventional meaning of Contentment creates an impression that somehow it is the fruit of our actions and that one must accept whatever situation one is in and be happy with it. This is complacency and not contentment. In addition, it implies that Contentment is something that we must force ourselves to believe or feel. But thinking of Contentment in this fashion is not correct since here Contentment is outcome of an action, i.e., if the result of the action is good then although temporarily, one feels satisfied, and if the result is bad or not as expected then, one feels discontented.

On the contrary, in B.K. life we consider Contentment as a virtue. So exactly, why do we consider it as a virtue? I started to churn on points of knowledge in order to find answer to this question. Before

coming to the knowledge Contentment is understood as - Happiness derived after attainment of “what we think we want”. After churning knowledge, I understand Contentment as - Energy required to attain “what we truly need”. Baba helps us understand what we truly need and the energy necessary to be content, we get through remembrance of Baba.

Contentment is the unshakeable corner stone of spiritual life. Contentment of a spiritual aspirant does not depend on the external circumstances or situations. Instead, it is the power that the soul has received from God that enables us to face all the external situations and come out victorious.

Contentment should not to be confused with complacency

► To be content does not mean an absence of aim in one’s life but the presence of energy in order to achieve the aim. In fact, there is always a deep desire or ambition within all of us for making true progress. Before coming to knowledge the one thing that we don’t know is what should be our ambition or

what is the meaning of making true or real progress. Gaining virtue of Contentment helps us realize our aim and provides us with the necessary energy in order to achieve the aim.

► To be content means not to for ego efforts but to remove anxiety from efforts.

► Contentment does not mean laziness. Baba tells us that “*Alasya* (laziness) and *albelapan*(carelessness)” are enemies of a spiritual aspirant. In fact, it is our aim to attain angelic form. This requires efforts. We have to continuously make efforts until we attain our final aim. Contentment provides us with the energy required to make those efforts.

There is difference between happiness and contentment.

Happiness brings positive thinking in us while contentment makes our thinking positive as well as elevated, i.e., we not only think and do good for us but we also think and do good for all other souls.

BENEFITS OF CONTENTMENT

The reason because of which we need to emerge the virtue of contentment in us is because BKs always have to follow Shrimat. We will be getting our rewards depending on the efforts we make to follow Shrimat.

It is necessary to follow all three aspects of contentment in

order to fulfil Shrimat, (TRIANGLE OF CONTENTMENT). These are:

1. A soul becomes Self Content, i.e., it has the virtue of contentment within the self
2. Provide Contentment to other souls
3. Meet expectations or Baba's hopes from us

There are many benefits by following all these three aspects. Some of them are as mentioned below:

► **SELF CONTROL** – Baba tells us to become “*Swarajya Adhikari*”, i.e., self-sovereign. In order to become self-sovereign it is necessary for us to control our senses. If we analyze, then we will find that the root cause of losing control of our senses is impurity or discontent of some form or other. If we come under the control of our senses then we would start pursuing worldly desires not because we NEED something but because we WANT something. Thus, we come under the influence of Maya.

Now what happens if we continue to pursue worldly desires beyond our NEED?

At best, we will gain temporary happiness and at worst we will become even more discontent. Pursuing worldly desires does not bring eternal attainment and thus does not help us in making

forward progress. If we think in terms of worldly desire then contentment/discontentment becomes result of our action and thus cannot provide energy to us.

► **BALANCE IN THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS** – Contentment brings discipline in life and provides self-control. This is because Contentment can come only when mind and intellect are in perfect balance or harmony with each other. If this happens then our judgment in deciding about how to balance between what is on OFFER and what we really NEED.

► **ENERGY CONSERVATION** – Contentment allows us to accumulate positive energy within ourselves. This is a very interesting and important thing to understand:

► If we are NOT content then we have negative and wasteful thoughts. Such thoughts consume all our energy very fast. Thus, there are high chances that we will not achieve whatever our aim is OR even if we achieve our aim, it will not happen in an efficient manner.

► **ACCURACY** – My experience has been that Contentment increases concentration power. This is because when we are content then we are able to remain much focused on our aim since Contentment brings stability. There are no wasteful or

negative thoughts to distract us.

► **SELF-TRANSFORMATION MADE EASY** – Realization is important to self-transformation. To realize is to face reality. Realization can happen only when we have the virtue of Contentment in us. The negativity in us will never allow us to see the reality if we are always discontent. We will always be busy pushing the blame on other people or on the situations we face. Without contentment, it will never occur to us that it is we who have to change/transform first.

► **PATIENCE** – Most of the time I have observed that we make the efforts required in order to achieve our aim but become impatient because we have our focus more on the result rather than on the actual efforts that we have done. We forget the law of karma in mind i.e. if we have done well the result will be good, if are perfect in our efforts then we will be successful. Impatience comes when there is discontent i.e. when we have some doubts in our mind or impurity. A contented soul always has lots of patience because it knows that whatever task it has done will be successful.

► **TRUSTWORTHINESS** – If we remain content and do a job then we are bound to do it more accurate and with optimal energy. This in turn means that

we can be more productive if we are contented. Therefore, we will be able to make others content by our efforts and gain their trust. We are offered more positive opportunities by the drama once we become trustworthy.

► **CHEERFULNESS** - We feel cheerful when we are sure of what we need and we have enough of that thing. A contented soul is always cheerful since it has the knowledge that what the soul truly needs is love, peace and happiness. The contented soul is always full of positive energy since what it needs is what it gets from Baba .

► **BECOMING A BESTOWER** – Baba asks us to receive blessings from him and then become bestower and donate blessings to others. If we feel discontent then will neither we be able to receive blessings from Baba nor will we be able to become donor of blessings. Instead of giving blessings we will come under the influence of Maya and will start cursing other souls. So in order to become bestower we have to be content with our self.

► **ZEAL AND ENTHUSIASM, CO-OPERATION** – I have observed that most of the time we are unhappy or discontented because of some

actions of people that we live, work or interact with. This makes us lose our zeal and enthusiasm. We no longer remain cooperative with others as we are discontented with them. However, this is what Baba refers to as coming under the influence of atmosphere created by others. A Brahmin soul has to spread positive vibrations by having positive thoughts and thus positive attitude. Once we cooperate other souls cooperate, too. Contentment is contagious and breeds contentment.

► **SELF RESPECT AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

–Baba tells us to have “swaman” and “sammaan” i.e. respect for self and respect for others. Contentment helps us in this as well. By providing positive energy and allowing us to focus on our task, contentment helps us to become more creative. This gives us a feeling of forward progress. It also helps us avoid discontentment. If we become discontent then we sometimes lose control of our sense, thus perform wrong actions, and then repent. Thus we lose our self-respect. Also most of the time, I have seen that we fail to appreciate others for their helpful actions. We think that it is a very small or routine thing that the soul has done for

me and thus there is no need of appreciation. Appreciating other does not make a soul lose contentment. Instead, by appreciating other souls we give respect to them and thus in turn get more respect for self.

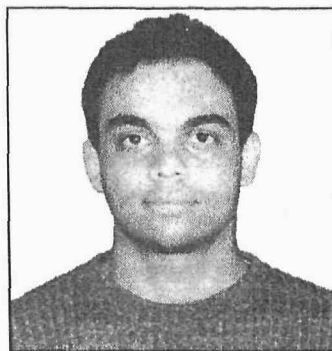
In addition, if we are self-content then we are able to provide hope to others during adverse situation. This way we spread contentment to other souls and in turn we become even more respectful.

► **COMPLETENESS** –From all the above points that I mentioned, one can see that virtue of Contentment forms the basis of all other virtues. *If a soul emerges the virtue of Contentment in itself then as a result all the remaining virtues will emerge naturally. The ultimate hope of Baba with his spiritual progeny is that of Completeness. Contentment can come only when one is full of all virtues.* If there is even the slightest of impurity or discontent, then discontentment will enter in our minds, then there will be a leak, and completeness or fullness will be lost. When we become full of all virtues, we become complete and attain angelic stage. Thus to become complete is to become content to the highest degree.

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EXPERIENCES WITH GOD IN MY STUDENT LIFE

■ B.K. Nandan Prabhu, Hyderabad



To be born into a family which follows the spiritual knowledge and practises Rajyoga, is indeed a great fortune. I am such a fortunate soul and I have been in Baba's 'knowledge' since my childhood.

My grandfather, the late Prabhubhai and grandmother were introduced to the Brahma Kumaris institution in the year 1977. I got spiritual sustenance from them at a very young age. My grandpa gave me knowledge of the Soul and the Supreme Soul, Shiv Baba. He taught me simple things like remembering Baba first thing in the morning, eating food in God's remembrance and thanking Baba for the wonderful day and wishing Him good night before going to bed. These lessons were invaluable and I follow them even today.

I have been a student all these years and hence most of my experiences with Baba are connected with my studies and school/college days. I have

had wonderful experiences during that period, a few of which I would like to share with you.

The method I followed while pursuing my *lokik* studies was:

- ▶ Remember Baba (meditate) before starting to study, as this would help me concentrate on what had to be done and to forget all other distractions.

- ▶ Try to remember Baba in-between – this would help me get back on track or gather my thoughts in case I was losing concentration or getting distracted.

- ▶ And finally, thank Baba profusely after completing the lessons, no matter what the performance was.

Invariably, I found that the task I attempted was completed in shorter time than anticipated. Remembering Baba before, during and after my duties helped me carry out my studies at a higher level of concentration and this, in turn, increased my grasping power, retention power as well as recollection power; all of this resulted in not only completing my work faster but

more accurately as well.

Examinations form an important part of a student's life and play a vital role in his or her career. Given that I had studied in God's remembrance, I used to be confident that I had read well and read enough to write the exam. However, the first thing I would do in an examination hall was to remember Baba. Then, on my answer sheet I would apply a dot (*bindu*, point since God is a Point of Light) at the top. (Please note that it is not advisable to write 'Shiva Baba' or 'Om Shanti' on your answer sheets as it is not allowed). This was my way of telling Baba that I was writing in His remembrance and that the outcome was in His hands. At the end of the exam I would thank Baba no matter how I felt about my performance.

I was studying in 10th Standard in National Public School, Bangalore, a prestigious school enjoying autonomous status and imparting CBSE level

education. It is also known for its strictness in discipline and adherence to rules. Preparatory exams were in progress and as far as the school was concerned, the marks obtained in these exams would be considered for admission to 11th and 12th Standards, irrespective of marks obtained in the 10th Board Exam (final exams of the year). A few of us friends were standing near the school gate across the playground discussing our studies. We were so engrossed in our discussion that we did not hear the bell ring. We were marginally late for the morning assembly and the principal sought to punish us for indiscipline: We were to wait outside the examination hall for 15 minutes!

Maths exams are normally tough and CBSC level Mathematics is simply unimaginable. My friends were naturally flustered and tense. The normal time given for the exam is barely sufficient to answer all questions so you can imagine what it means to lose 15 minutes of valuable time... I stood at one side and remembered Baba. I remembered His teaching: "Everything happens for the best". I thanked Baba for giving me exclusive 15 minutes for revising the Maths formulae,

which I did systematically.

After entering the hall and taking the answer sheet, I remembered Baba for a minute, applied the 'dot' and began to write; I wrote the entire exam in His remembrance and surprisingly found that I finished 5 minutes ahead of time. I checked for silly mistakes, which I found and corrected. I thanked Baba as usual and handed in the answer paper.

Later on I found out that I was the only person who had finished the entire paper. Even those who had begun on time could not finish since the paper was very tough. I got 97% marks in the paper, which was the highest score by far. Thanks, Baba!

This kind of interaction with Baba and attention on spiritual

study and meditation has been very helpful. I secured the 25th rank in the Common Entrance Test (CET 2000) in Karnataka. This ensured me a seat in one of the best colleges in Bangalore. Baba also helped me remain at the top in every semester of the engineering course. I was awarded the University Gold Medal in Computer Science & Engineering for the Year 2004, given (along with a certificate) by His Excellency Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Governor of Karnataka, on 17th February 2005, at the campus of the Visvesvaraiiah Technological University at Belgaum, Karnataka.

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SELF-ESTEEM

Once when Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, was on a foreign visit, he was invited for dinner by an eminent person. Many important people were also invited for the dinner. As soon as the dinner course started, the host started boasting that he had spent a lot of money for the dinner.

Nehru sharply reacted, "I come from a poor country and in our country hospitality is more important. When the host is only conscious of the money he has spent on the dinner, I am not interested in participating in such a vulgar show." Though the host got embarrassed and apologized for his misconduct, Nehru walked away.

QUESTIONS YOU ASK... ANSWERS WE GIVE

— B. K. Julius, London



Baba says that He has come to take all souls back home. And then on another occasion Baba says that if we are not pure, He would not take us home with Him.

Please explain.

This is not a contradiction. At the end of a play, all the actors vacate the stage and return home. The same thing happens in this unlimited world drama. All souls will return home at the end of this world drama.

The Wedding Procession of Shiva is remembered. At the end, there will be a procession of souls returning home with God Father Shiva, the Supreme Soul, at the head of the procession. A few souls will be in the direct company of the Supreme Soul, whilst the rest of the souls will follow in a procession.

The souls who will be in the direct company of the Supreme Soul will be the souls who have become pure by practising Raja Yoga and following the *shrimat* of the Supreme Being.. The souls who become pure after they

have received punishment from Dharamraj, and therefore not worthy of the direct company of the Supreme Father, will follow at a distance.

When the president of a nation is travelling by road, he would normally be in a convoy with a few other cars of his choice. But it often happens that other drivers, seeing the President's car, try to follow it. And it is understood that drivers who follow the president's car in this way do not have the president's invitation.

I accept the fact that the world drama cycle repeats.

But why does it repeat identically? Why not have a different cycle each time?

Two things help us to understand the identical repetition of the drama cycle. That is, firstly, how the subconscious mind works, and secondly, the impact of **TIME** on the world.

Every action is preceded by a thought. If the thoughts are different, the resulting actions would be different. And if the thoughts are identical it follows that the actions would be

identical.

Thoughts emerge from the subconscious mind, the memory bank. The sub-conscious mind contains a record of all past experiences and all past impressions of the self over the last 5000 years. Any thought that emerges from the sub-conscious mind has a previous existence and is not new.

No two moments within the cycle are identical. But when the cycle repeats, one important characteristic of time is that it has a cyclic path and therefore time will retract itself. Every moment of the previous cycle will repeat identically.

Time has an impact on the world, and the world changes according to time. Whatever happened at any given moment say, for example, on the 1st of January 2001, will repeat identically on the 1st of January 2001 of every cycle.

When time repeats identically, everything else

repeats identically. This is the extent of the impact of time on our world.

Is it true that we came down here into this world to learn and when we finish our learning we return home?

The defining characteristic of knowledge is that, it is problem solving. More importantly, knowledge is given to those in degradation, in order to take them into salvation. But looking at the present state of the world, it is clear that global problems are on the increase, and it has been like this for many centuries.

There seems to be no end to the problems in human life. This is because the knowledge that would serve as solution to human problems is clearly not available. According to Raja Yoga system of knowledge, all souls reside in the soul world in the company of the Supreme Being in their original state of purity and perfection. And therefore, every soul which comes down into this world must already be pure and perfect and therefore would have no need for knowledge.

So two things are clear, that is, **firstly** there is no such teacher down here such as would give the knowledge for the upliftment of mankind.. **Secondly**, souls do not come

down into this physical world in order to learn and become perfect. The question doesn't arise, as we souls come down from the soul world in a state of complete purity and perfection.

Nevertheless, there comes a time, that is, at the end of the World Drama Cycle when all souls then have to return home to the soul world. And according to the Drama plan, at that time, all souls become degraded and impure. At such a time like this, a Teacher is definitely needed to impart the knowledge that would add value to our lives and bring us into salvation. But which teacher? It is the Incorporeal Supreme Teacher who alone has the part of granting salvation through knowledge to all souls.

Is it true that; "We came down empty-handed, and we shall return empty-handed"?

In the physical sense the answer would be a big NO!! But from the spiritual perspective, the answer to this question would be YES and NO. It would be Yes for souls who return home without any attainment from God, and who would then come down empty-handed to play out their part in the World drama again.

And for souls who have

received attainments from the Supreme Father, at the Confluence Age, they would return home to the soul world full of attainments, and would therefore come down again full of attainments. With this in mind, the wording of the phrase would now read: "We returned home empty-handed and we come down empty-handed."

And for those with attainments, it would be said, "They returned home full and would come down full".

In the Bible Jesus is quoted as saying: "My Father and I are one." Does this mean that Jesus is God?

It would be found in the Bible, the words "Jesus prayed to God". And also the words: "Jesus said, the words I speak are not my own, but of the Father who sent me." And many more such words from Jesus himself. Jesus called out to God when in distress: "Father, Father, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus is universally known as the "Son of God".

From the question above, the word one, most likely means unity, of one heart. Where there is love between two, then it seems right to say that the two in question are one. In this case, it is of the love between the Father and the son, Jesus. ■■■

READERS' FORUM



I read the spiritual magazine 'The World Renewal' every month with great zeal. It is really informative, constructive and inspiring magazine, it is a guide to individual. It functions as '*Tamso Ma Jyotirgamay*' — a guide to point of light.

My hearty congratulation to the editorial team.

— **B.K. Arun Kumar, Bargarh (Orissa)**

I have been enjoying 'The World Renewal' for the last 4 years.

I always eagerly wait for the next issue of the magazine, and after getting it, I read all the headings at a glance. As we are making efforts to decorate ourselves with spiritual ornaments amid so much negativity around us in the society, it is very much essential to take variety of nutritious food(manna) for our spiritual growth. I think, 'The World Renewal' is providing us the nutritious food for our spiritual enlightenment.

I liked the editorial by B.K. Nirwair, which made me highly intoxicated with divinity. After all, the variety of items such as experiences, conceptual topics by B.K. Nityanand and many other articles published regularly are really unique. 'The World Renewal' helps us to see the same point of knowledge with different angles, and thus enhances the enjoyment of Godly knowledge with wide vision. I heartily welcome the "Students Column", the new addition to this divine magazine.

— **B.K. Bro. Shivajyoti, Maligaon, Guwahati (Assam).**

It was my first time in life to read the May-2005 issue of 'The World Renewal', gifted by a B.K. Brother. I was impressed by it too much. Starting from the Editorial, just like Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, B.K. Nirwair stressed on positivity in Indian media. Because, if media will be positive, only then it can bring positive changes in the society. After that, the interview of Bro. Robin Ramsay was really remarkable. To know about an actor and through his own words knowing about Brahma Kumaris Organisation was really pleasing. There is a variety in its topics and it is a good medium to know and express personal experiences like that of B.K. Kalidas and Jose David. "Towards a Beautiful Mind" by B.K. Anjali Prasad is also very nice.

Overall, 'The World Renewal' is a very nice resource to bring positivity in individual's life as well as in the society. I extend my best wishes to the World Renewal team to bring these divine thoughts into light for a better world to prove its name. May you progress by leaps and bounds with the blessings of Prajapita Brahma.

— **Mahender Sachdeva, Hansi, Haryana**

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the whole editorial team for creating a wonderful magazine, The World Renewal has been spreading the Godly message of peace and prosperity all through the world. My attitude towards the magazine became more and more positive when last year, accompanied by my two friends Majoj and Yashwant, I went on pilgrimage of Mt. Abu. With our bare eyes, we saw the replica of heaven. Since the last two years, sincerely and regularly we have been in association with The World Renewal, and we heartily confess that the articles of the magazine work like a perfect spiritual teacher, capable to impart reliable solutions whenever we find

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“Spiritual Mother of Humanity”

– BK Khem Jokhoo, Trinidad,
West Indies

The purpose of the Gita and Shivratri is revealed in Gita Chapter 4, Verses 7 and 8 where God promised that He would descend and incarnate Himself when there is unrighteousness and irreligiousness in the world. **He states very clearly that His incarnation is for the sole purpose of protecting the virtuous, destroying the evil and for re-establishing dharma as well as the new kingdom and this notable historical spiritual event is known as Shivratri.** The Gita contains the spiritual directions spoken directly by God Shiva, to change this impure world into the pure world of peace and happiness known as Liberation in life. This is the prime relationship of God Shiva, the Gita and Shivratri.

When was this Knowledge of the Gita given?

God Shiva first spoke this knowledge of the Gita at the beginning of “**Auspicious Confluence Age or Purshottam Sangam Yug**”. The Confluence Age is the

last 100 years of the Iron Age or Kaliyuga when irreligiousness and unrighteousness prevail. In the path of devotion, it is generally believed that God Shiva descends during the time of night. For a spiritual student night refers to the dark ages of copper and iron (Dwapar Yuga and Kaliyuga) when immorality and lawlessness are prevalent.

Where was this Knowledge given?

This knowledge was given through Arjuna (Sakara Brahma) in Bharat at the confluence age. The Mahabharat war in which Arjuna is a key player is the battle between the vices and virtues. This war is part subtle and culminates with physical destruction of the evil forces through natural calamities, incurable diseases and weapons of mass destruction.

What is Kurukshetra, Dharmakshetra and Karmakshetra?

The Gita Chapter 13 speaks of *Kurukshetra*, *Dharmakshetra* and *karmakshetra*. This means that this world is the battlefield

of action (*Kurukshetra*) and the fruits of action (*Karmakshetra*) which are determined by the motive of the actions. This is basically the divine code of ethics called *Dharmakshetra* or Shrimat. So in spirituality, the battlefield is the body (*kshetra*). The war is on one side between the five sense organs, the five vices and the five elements and on the other side are the mind, intellect and the sanskars. There is also an internal war between the mind and intellect when the senses and vices influence the mind. The kind of actions performed is really a *karmic* war because the fruits are determined on whether the actions are based on “selfless motivation” or “selfish motivation”. This is why the conscience is the judge and jury of all actions. It is the spiritual law of *karma* that influences your destiny which is based on the motive of your actions.

Why was the Knowledge of the Gita given?

The knowledge of the Gita is the only weapon available that can overcome and conquer the vices. It is the only detergent available with exclusive rights to remove the stains deposited on the sacraments (sanskars) of the soul as a result of performing negative *karmas*. The subtle part is the Mahabharat war

between the mind and intellect as well as between the body and soul. The physical part of the war is when all the elements begin to cooperate through natural calamities to purify themselves. This physical part of the Mahabharat war is referred to as Shiva's cosmic dance. The knowledge of the Gita, as taught by God Shiva through the mouth of Arjuna (Brahma), is called "Shiva's dance of knowledge". This is but the true "Nataraja".

What Age is this in 2005?

This eternal world drama is presently in the 69th year of the confluence age, according to the knowledge of Raja Yoga. The last 100 years of the World Drama include the transformation process as well as the beginning of the cycle and commencement of the Golden Age. For the new cycle to begin, all souls and the five elements must become pure to herald the births of the first prince and princess Krishna and Radhe of the Golden Age. The world cycle is now in the 18th chapter of the Shrimat Bhagavad Gita which is the "Yoga of liberation through the path of knowledge (*gyan*) and self-surrender (*vairagya*).

When the world is in turmoil and mankind is dehumanized and the environment is degraded, God comes for all his children that includes Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians and this makes the knowledge of the Gita as spiritual mother of the world.

NEGLECT

The best security against revolution is in constant correction of abuses and the introduction of needed improvements. It is the neglect of timely repair that makes rebuilding necessary.

-RICHARD WHATELY

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ourselves in worldly illusions. By profession we are college teachers and the inspirations received through The World Renewal have tremendously helped us in our profession. We have gained a lot, and we would like to suggest all the true souls of Supreme Father to avail of reading the message of the World Renewal.

In the April 2005 issue we liked B.K. Surendran's article on positive thinking and B.K. Sunita's article on Ego Desires. Similarly, we appreciate Justice V.R. Krishana Iyer's views on the Science of Silence, as well our hearty thanks to B.K. Gayathri for 'Mind Elevation Through Concentration'. In fact the magazine comprises vital tonic for mind, when the humanity is groping in utter darkness. Each and every article is filled with divine power. It would be better if you include articles for children also in the magazine.

- Rit Narayan Sah (Nepal)

TO OUR ESTEEMED READERS

We thank our readers for their overwhelming response to our column Readers' Forum.

No magazine can be complete without the active participation of its readers. We eagerly await your opinions and suggestions. Your suggestions would definitely inspire us to make each new issue a better one. Please send your letters alongwith complete name and full postal address/e-mail, to :

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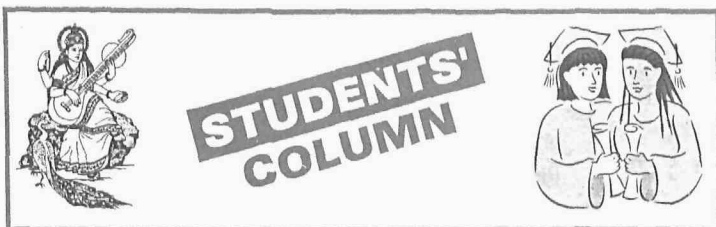
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Discipline –

Discipline is the life breath of a nation. Life without discipline is like a ship without rudder. Discipline may be defined as control over one's desires and delusions. It requires obedience to established rules of conduct and behaviour. I think discipline is important because in the absence of discipline confusions and Maya may raise their heads in ugly forms. Discipline enables a nation to march on the road of progress and prosperity. In fact, discipline is necessary for everyone everywhere. But these days in the government offices also there is no discipline. Discipline is need of the social and political life of the country. In ancient times also nations having no discipline were attacked by other nations because there can be no national unity without discipline. Even the functioning of the democratic form of government can suffer if there is no discipline in the country.

A student in a school or college, a soldier in the army and a worker in the factory – all need discipline. It is the backbone of

the country and the ladder of success for everyone. As for spiritual field, here also we must discipline our positive mind so as to make ourselves co-operative, vibrant and energetic. Discipline endears us to our fellow human beings and to God.

– B.K. Silky Yadav, BA (III yr.),
Aggrasain Women College,
Samana (Punjab)

Environment

Literally speaking, environment means the surroundings of an object. For example, environment of a plant means the conditions, which help for the growth of a plant species. On this planet, man occupies a distinctive position. He makes constant use of other forms of life in the biosphere for fulfilling the needs, like food, shelter etc. Therefore, it is important to study the details of different elements of environment because they affect man and other forms of life on this planet.

The earth is a unique planet of the solar system. Here various forms of life survive under different conditions. This is

possible due to optimum distance of the earth from the sun.

The envelope of air surrounding the earth contains gases such as oxygen, which is essential for life. The temperature of the earth's surface is moderate due to the air-envelope. Secondly, the moderate temperature also helps in regulation of water in different forms in the atmosphere and on earth. The earth has a life supporting biosphere there.

In the biosphere, many forms of life exist. The types of life, living in the biosphere depend on chemical and physical components. The non-living physical component of the environment consists of: 1. Atmosphere (Air) 2. Hydrosphere (water) 3. Lithosphere (Land).

The living biological components include plants, animals and other micro organisms. Thus, the environment of an organism relates to atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere.

The environment is a complex of variable factors. They include substances (soil and water), conditions (temperature, light), forces (wind, gravity) and organism (plants, animals, micro-organisms).

It is interesting to note that the physical and biological

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WHAT A MARRIAGE IT WAS...

— B. K. Rajan, Global Hospital,
Shantivan

An important aspect of the spiritual life is establishing, all relations with God, removing the consciousness of the body (male/female). Even in Bhakti Cult, devotees sang songs in praise of God; many of them saw themselves as 'bride' and God as the 'bridegroom'. As we all are stars, points of conscient energy, Bro. Rajan has also visualised this relationship and the marriage of the star (soul) with the Brightest Star (Supreme Soul). We hope the esteemed readers would get a new perspective in spirituality through Bro. Rajan's experience.

— Editor

Twenty three years back, I was a young man of 25 years, well settled as an officer in a Public Sector bank, poised to get promoted as Manager. Being the only son, my mother started looking for a suitable alliance for me and internally I too was thrilled about my marriage.

One fine early morning, a sweet voice was heard from above. "Your search for a bridegroom has ended!" My mother replied spontaneously, "No, No! I am searching for a bride, not a bridegroom". We felt the voice smiling down at us.

I mustered the courage to ask, "Who are you? Why don't you show yourself?" Within minutes, an extraordinarily handsome old man in white robes and radiating light, appeared before us as though

descended from the sky. We gazed at him with awe. Flashing a beautiful smile and a sparkle in his eyes he said, "I have brought an excellent bridegroom for you!"

Slightly irritated I told him, "You are looking at me, aren't you? I am the prospective bridegroom. If you have any suitable bride, let us know."

He looked at me deeply and replied, "My dear, the male figure you are referring to is only your costume! You are a beautiful star seated in the forehead; realize yourself!" With these words he continued to give me deep *drishti*.

Slowly and slowly, I could feel that I have become a light and brightly-lit star; the consciousness that 'I am a body' was fading. My mother had a similar experience too. I told the old man, "Yes, I am feeling



something different, something exhilarating; what is this?"

"You are a soul, the bright star, immortal and imperishable", he replied. Continuing he said, "You have changed 84 costumes during the entire time-cycle, from beautiful, flawless, double-crowned deity costume to the ordinary mortal-costume you are wearing now. The drama is now coming to an end and it is time to shed this costume and go to your eternal home as a bright, beautiful star. That is why I have brought the most wonderful star as groom for you. He would marry you, spend some happy time with you as honeymoon and take you back to His Home", he finished his short speech.

"But how can I marry a star, I need some human being!" I said hastily without thinking.

"Oh, my dear, don't come down to your costume; stay in the same experience that you are a star", he answered with a smile and continued his *drishti*.

After a couple of minutes he asked, "Are you comfortable now as a star?"

"Yes, I am realizing...", I

whispered.

“Now carefully look at my forehead, do you see a star? I, the star am Brahma Baba, now I have come as your elder sister – *Didi*”, he said with affection. “No, no, I don’t have any elder sister, I was born alone”, I said with haste just to prove a point. “Oh my poor fellow, pull yourself up and stay put; you are not supposed to go back to your costume for sometime now”, he reprimanded me, continuing, “I shall explain you later how I am your *Didi*. Now you carefully watch, do you see a brightly lit extraordinarily shining star to my right?” he lovingly asked. “Yes, yes, I am seeing”, I replied with inexplicable joy. “Meet my husband, Mr. Amarnath, known to all as Shiv Baba. He is your would-be bridegroom”, he introduced that Star. Jumping, I exclaimed, “What, you want me to marry a person who is already married!” “Remember, the difference between impure and pure marriage. This is marriage of stars, the purest one”, he said calming me down.

Then Mr. Amarnath showing lot of love and affection, took over. “My dearest darling Paru”, He started. Immediately a thought flashed in me, ‘I am Rajan, how He is calling me as Paru’, but could not muster courage to ask, so I gulped it down. Catching my thought He continued, “You are the same star

Ms. Parvati of previous *Kalpa*, 5000 years back, whom I used to fondly call as ‘Paru’ and you lovingly called me as ‘Ammu’ (short for Amarnath). Remember, we had a happy, fruitful and enjoyable marriage including honeymoon to all the three worlds, though it lasted only for a short period (Confluence Age) before both of us went Home. After that you forgot me for the next 2500 years when you enjoyed in the company of *Didi*. You ardently worshipped me from the beginning of Copper Age till now, in various costumes, each time fervently calling me to come and take you to my abode, with the fond remembrance that I am your Beloved. Do you recall that for how many births you remained celibate just to remember me in worship and penance, even in one birth when you wore a beautiful princess costume, you sacrificed the royal throne and remained spinster singing my praises because you had wedded me in your heart. Now to answer all your calls I have personally come to marry you once again and take you back. Your *Didi* is there to decorate you with the bridal costume before we go Home”.

I listened with rapt attention, with images of various scenes flashing back as He narrated. “True to my name Amarnath, I have proved that I am a good

story-teller, haven’t I”, He quipped. Nodding my head, I however enquired, “One hesitation, how can you marry me when you have already married *Didi*?” Clarifying, He said, “You see, I descend as the ‘most eligible bachelor’ in this Confluence Age with an unsatiating appetite for marriage! I have come to marry 16108 brides, the stars who single-mindedly remembered me throughout the worship-period, the Copper and Iron Ages, your *Didi* being the top-most. In fact your *Didi* is helping me to search for these brides, thus performing the role of marriage-broker too!” Adding further, He said, “I get your point. Listen, your *Didi* is my single Registered Wife. All of you shall only be my lovers although I promise to fulfil all the responsibilities of a dutiful husband. See, when my creation *Ram* is hailed as the one wedded to ‘single-wife concept’, how can I, the creator, lag behind!”, He asked me wittingly. “But..., how could this be called marriage?”, I dragged.

Intervening Brahma Baba said, “What do you expect from marriage? Selfless love, care, understanding, protection..., anything else? All these you get in abundance from *Shiv Sajan* (Shiv Baba, the Beloved). Infact you get so much of love and care which you have not experienced in all your 84 births.

Selfless love is better experienced to be believed". He continued, "See, we are all His brides, He being the only bridegroom. In one way we are all sisters and I being the eldest, you all call me as *Didi*, do you understand now?", he concluded.

I was slowly digesting all these new experiences. However my inquisitiveness still remained and made me ask, "What are the marriage procedures, any dowry to be paid?" My *Shiv Sajan Ammu* replied, "Just say from the bottom of your heart 'my Ammu' and I shall respond by saying 'My Paru', the marriage is consummated. Single-mindedly dedicate yourself to Me, that is all the dowry I want. Don't worry that there are so many brides like you and how can I find time to spend with you. Just constantly remember Me and I shall be with you alone", He explained the secret. But still I had something more, "Usually after marriage children are born. This is the marriage of stars. How can we have children?", I queried innocently. Both of them were quick to respond, "Oh my dear, you can produce as many children as you like—there is no birth-control or family planning here. You just become the 'Master Story-teller' and children would be born. Just make sure that you give birth only to healthy children so that they are properly sustained and turn themselves to eligible brides for marriage."

Finally turning to my mother Shiv Baba said, "I shall be your obedient son-in-law! I shall lend a helping hand in all your daily chores and also gently massage your feet when you are tired at night! In short I shall make you forget that you wanted to perform the *lokik* marriage of your son and get a daughter-in-law to serve you. Also don't forget that I am your Beloved too. Remember Me in that form and I shall erase from your mind all the sufferings from your *lokik* (mundane) marriages of so many births".

From that day on, I the star Paru (Parvati) have been constantly romancing with my Beloved star Ammu (Amarnath). The romance never seems to end! ●

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elements interact with one another. If a change takes place in a factor of physical environment, there will also be changes in other factors of the environment. As a result, the biological component will also be affected. Really speaking, the life of organism is affected not by a single factor but by all the factors in toto.

All these factors are interrelated; change in one factor affects the others. A decrease in temperature will lead to an increase in humidity level by decreasing the capacity of air for moisture. Humidity plays an important part in the life of plants and animals. It must be noted that many a time, changes in the environment are the results of human interference.

There is a dire need for public awareness about conserving environment. Apart from that we must keep our inner environment clean. It means we must be positive, free from ill-will, malice, prejudice and all negativities. Inner cleanliness can definitely help in environment conservation in the outside world.

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Why have I come to Baba?



– BK Vivek, California, USA



I came to Baba because I was searching for true love, true peace and true happiness. In essence it was the Truth I was searching for, which could liberate me from all the wandering forever and give purpose to my life....give me a life free from duality and pretension.

I was going through my life like any other normal person, busy with my education, career and managing relationships. I was religious from childhood because of my family background, but one of the major reasons was that I liked the divinity and the purity associated with the religion. It was there in my sub-conscious but I wasn't aware of it. When I came to Baba I wasn't really searching for God as such, but I had questions about life, my own role in the world-drama, the state of this world and the prevailing misery in this world. I was trying to find the meaning and purpose behind all that, in a way, the truth behind all that's happening around. And at times this entire search

used to get lost in the mundane tasks of life.

I was introduced to Baba by my mother, who goes to centre everyday. The centre (Qutab Enclave, Delhi) opened in front of my mother's house and whenever I used to visit her, I would also go to the centre (I used to live with my grand mother). Initially, I got some introduction to knowledge and attended classes whenever I visited center. From the very first day of visiting the center, I never felt that I had come to a new place and seeing Brahma Baba's picture first time, I felt that I always knew him. In a way, I was introduced to knowledge, but still (after 4-5 years), I decided to take a full course in December 1994, so as to have a reference point of starting my spiritual life.

One immediate realization of coming to Baba was that, I knew I had come to the right place and I was in the right company. You can't miss that feeling of feeling 'right' inside and from thereon, all my wandering stopped. And the sign of that were all my other

religious chores which I use to do, somehow were over. I used to spend quite some time doing my religious chores every day but after coming to baba and spending time in the morning class and in meditation, I got the contentment, which was missing earlier. Its like, when you come in front of the truth, the light, everything is illuminated, the purpose of what you are doing and what's supposed to be done, is crystal clear. I shifted to my mother's place and started attending class daily and slowly started building over my *dharnas*. The center was so close that I could never miss it— while going out, coming in — every time Baba was there in front. My bed in the home was such that, if I removed the curtain from the window I could see Baba's room. From the very first day to now, I had a desire to be close to Baba. And till today whichever part of the world I have been, I found a center always situated nearby. Even though at times it may seem a

small thing, but it shows how much 'God' cares and loves me and doesn't want me to be away from him. I could realize, what it means when people say, God is ocean of Love. If you really want something from the bottom of the heart, God fulfills it.

After I got the knowledge, it took me some time to grasp the depth of it. **The real journey begins when one recognizes God and starts following the direction of The Highest and then only, one can truly appreciate that knowledge.** I got a job in Hyderabad and started attending class at Banjara Hills center. In Hyderabad, I was away from my friends, family and all other distractions and I got time to do deep introspection and go into depth of knowledge. I could realize the real meaning of what all Baba was telling me, they were not mere words which sound good to ears, but they had logic, rationality and a pragmatic approach to live an elevated life. Earlier I used to read spiritual or self help kind of books, but somehow there was always, something missing in them. They used to sound OK for a while, but then after sometime they seemed to be superficial. As I started realizing the value

of this knowledge and its profoundness, I started getting answers to all those long standing questions which were there in my mind. I got clarity and all my doubts vanished and a profound awareness started developing in me. Throughout my life I was searching for that moment of truth which can give meaning to my life, the right destination which can put this life into right perspective and give me the purpose. Till now, all that I was doing was juggling with others' expectations, living for material pleasures and trying to attain love and peace through them and that too without even realizing what I was doing.

Frankly, at times, I was tired of getting hurt and hurting others. I craved for permanence in those moments of peace and love, which existed for a short while and then disappeared. There was always this feeling of uncertainty and fear at the back of the mind, about tomorrow. To get rid of this fear and to bring certainty, I tried accumulating material things, created relationships and networks, told lies, betrayed my conscience at times and was ultimately getting caught up more into this web. I couldn't get that peace and love through

all those above attainments, but in acquiring them created more wrong karmas.

When I came to Baba, I realized my true self. What people call – The search for Truth, my search ended with Baba. When I got my real identity, I came to know who I am, where I have come from and what's the purpose of my existence in this world. **Baba gave the clarity of my identity and uniqueness and knowledge of the true relationship. I am peace myself - realization of my true self gave me peace, because what I was looking outside, was within me.** When the wandering stopped, there was this feeling of peace and stability inside. And knowing that I am peace, was like *deja vu*. To the extent I realized this truth; I experienced the true pleasure of peace. This simple, uncomplicated truth cleared all the conflicts inside. I became detached from the false identity based on my name, profession and associations etc., which ego used to give me. And now, I could truly recognize the value of the divinity and purity which was there in my sub-conscious.

Knowing Baba, the Almighty Himself, the love which he gave me and the experience of

various relationships which I started experiencing with Him, made me feel **"important"**. The more I could feel that relationship, the more respect I had for myself and intoxication for Baba. My arrogance of looking for importance and the feeling of being wanted from other people got over. I stopped wasting time on how I looked and stopped bothering about what others are saying about me. I started becoming detached and my awareness grew stronger. I realized two things, **firstly**, the **'freedom'** from being pulled in different directions, due to attachment with people and material things. **Secondly**, the realization of the unwavering support that I received from Baba in the form of various relationships; it melted away all my feelings of insecurity and fear. I know this relationship is there for ever and I can always look towards my Father and Mother, and He is nobody else, but God Himself, the Almighty! I got that true love, which I was searching for. In outside world, when people say they are in love, they still sometimes can't experience or realize that feeling of love. But with **God one can realize love 'instantly', one can experience it at every**

moment. Because as you receive Gods love, the feeling of peace and fulfilment keeps on growing inside, you cant miss it.

When I got the purpose of my life and realization of my role in world drama, it gave me the clarity on what I need to do. All, throughout, the biggest challenge was to get the right path, so that this wandering can end. My conscience at times used to give me right direction, but I never listened to that inner voice properly, because of self doubt and my fear of uncertainties of future. When I got the knowledge, why I am here and what I am supposed to do, **I was able to appreciate my inner voice and gained confidence to move forward.** I came to know what the right *karma* is and what needs to be done at this particular point of time. **Doing the right action brought lot of contentment in me, which helped me in realizing what true and permanent happiness is.** There are times when there are certain situations, which test me and try to reduce my happiness and contentment, but irrespective of whatever the situation, I never leave His hand. I knew, I just need to keep hanging on to

Baba and He would take care of everything and He does that every time. The other thing which really helped me in my spiritual life was being honest with God. Whatever mistake I do, or if there is something inside me, I just go and tell Him honestly and then He takes over and I become light. I want to be honest and truthful and Baba likes honesty.

I came to Baba looking for permanent love, happiness and peace. Baba gave me all that plus knowledge of my elevated role in this drama and what needs to be done to reach the elevated status. I realized the importance of the current time and the secret of creating an elevated fortune. And now, when I know all this, I just want to be with Baba and help Him in fulfilling His task of world transformation. I have to simply follow His directions, transform myself and get ready to enter that world of permanent truth, peace and love, which I always craved for. And today when I look back at my life and see what I was and how Baba has changed my life, all I have is a heart full of gratitude, a bit of moist eyes and a voice inside, that says 'Thank You Baba' for making this life worthwhile. ●

IN THE HANDS OF THE SUPREME GARDENER

— B.K. Bhagwan Mandloi,
Shantivan

“Minister, let us see the harvest of our farmers”, said the King.

“Yes, Your Majesty”, came the answer. Both the King and the Minister set out to observe the crops; the Minister described the crops and their respective owners. In a while, they came across the fields abundant in crops. The Minister informed that the fields were under the supervision of the kingdom itself and the King was very happy to hear this. His face shone clearly with ecstasy. He saw the crops thoroughly and sent instructions to his officials to take care of the fields properly, as it was natural for the King to pay more attention to the fields that were his own responsibility.

Similar is the case of God with His progeny, the universal family of humanity. He is bound to look after us personally if we maintain an honest and clear connection with Him.

We have to follow Godly directions with all our heart.

Hurdles will come in our path but if we have purity of mind, truth and sweetness in speech, and humility and sincerity in actions, then not only will difficult work be possible with His grace but impossible work as well.

God gives us ultimate knowledge. **He is responsible to embellish us with the jewels of knowledge, virtues and powers; it also becomes His duty to pluck out our vices. If we are attached to our vices, it means we are producing creating in His pious task.** The Saviour saves us from problems. He even eradicates our strings of bodily attachment. We have had relations with various people, so it's natural to come into tug-of-war at times; but if we want to pluck fruit we first have to keep our hands free of anything else we are holding onto.

There are many similarities between the harvest of a farmer and the nourishment of God. Under God's loving nurture, a soul develops and grows like the seed of a plant.

When we walk on Godly path and surrender ourselves, God fixes us like a mosaic wherever suitable. He adjusts us like the maize corns in its cob. God functions like a farmer; a farmer cultivates, irrigates and nourishes with his soothing hands. **God protects His children from anti-social elements (Maya) till they mature.** He rinses out the materialistic dust on us, washes us clean like the washerman until we become pure white angels. He guides us back onto the long return Journey to our original home. He enlightens us with His own luminous radiance so that we too become Master Light and Might.

If there is no farmer to tend to the harvest, weeds grow in the soil or the crops are trodden on or eaten by various animals. This has been the condition of a person who has distanced the self from God. Such a person lives half-heartedly; sometimes he experiences happiness and at other times sorrow. Open the doors of your heart and take in God's love and power. Sing the songs of God's praise; emulate Him and you will always have a smile on your face which will remove sorrow and peacelessness from the hearts of others. ●

ETERNAL WORLD DRAMA—

The Eternal Interplay of Physical and Metaphysical Energies – XX

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In the foregoing part of the series we have been discussing about the self-esteem-‘Master Almighty’ or ‘Master Sarvashaktiman’. We have seen part of the scientific explanation on the reality of this universe as presented by Dr. Deepak Chopra¹: “So the spiritual presence is in the discontinuity – OK in the flash between this and this (on-off-on) is the presence (consciousness) ... Every image, every sound, every touch, every taste, every smell is an on-off binary code in your cell membrane; but between the on and the off is the presence in whom the on-off takes place, and that’s all our reality”... We have seen that the human consciousness (soul) is in the discontinuity or between the on and the off... The world exists only in consciousness. “It is the consciousness that conceives, governs, constructs the mind

and the biology to become the universe.. so the universe is a binary code in my biology. That’s why our great Rishis said-‘I am not in the world, the world is in me; I am not the mind, the mind is in me; I am not in the body, the body is in me. The body, the mind, the world—they happen to me as I curve back within my self and I create again and again.’

DISCONTINUITY

We shall now discuss about the five things out of a lot that science tells about discontinuity—as presented by Dr. Deepak Chopra:

“In the discontinuity, there is no energy, there is no space, there is no time and there is no physical object... Then, what is that discontinuity? The best answer that science gives is:

1. It is a pure Potentiality – i.e. the immeasurable potential for space, time, energy and matter, i.e., the immeasurable potential for all that was, all that

is, and all that will ever be.

2. Non-local correlation— It’s a phenomenon which was first described in 1935 by Albert Einstein who was not friendly to laws of quantum physics because it violated the laws of relativity. As per laws of relativity nothing can move faster than light. The non-local coordination also known as ‘Einstein Prodoskey Rosen Effect’ or “John Belt Theorem” says that in the discontinuity, everything is instantly connected with everything else and this instant correlation is without the exchange of energy or information signals. Let us say, we have two sub atomic particles and they collide, exchange energy with each other and one goes here and one goes there, and they are millions of light-years away. If I observe the position and momentum of one, I can immediately tell about the position and momentum of the other one as matter is automatically correlated without the exchange of energy or information signals. This correlation is supposed to be instantaneous which means faster than the speed of light; unmitigated, which means, distance and time do not diminish the strength or robustness of the correlation; unmediated, which means, there is no energy signals going between the particles, yet each

¹Note (1) The excerpts are from “A Day with Dr. Deepak Chopra” on 6th January 2005. at Gyan Sarovar, Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India.

one knows what the other one is doing, that's why it is called non-local correlation, everything is correlated with everything else instantly... for example, a human body has 100 trillion cells, each cell does six trillion things per second and every cell instantly knows how to correlate its activity with every other cell. How does a human body think thoughts, play a piano, kill germs, remove toxins and make a baby all at once? While your body is doing that, it is tracking the movement of stars and planets because your biological rhythms which are called circadian rhythms, seasonal rhythms, gravitational rhythms, lunar rhythms are actually the rhythms of the cosmos. So your body is non-locally correlated instantly, with the symphony of the universe – **'YATHA PINDE TATHA BRAHMANDE'**, i.e., as is the atoms so is the universe; as is the microcosm so is the macrocosm; as is the human body so is the cosmic body; as is the human mind, so is the cosmic mind. In the human body, one single cell differentiates in 50 replications into 100 trillion cells by the process of morphogenesis without information and energy signals. So non-local correlation is a scientific description of omniscience. In the discontinuity there is

omniscience.

3. Quantum Leap– When a subatomic particle moves from one location to another location without going through the space in between, it is called a Quantum Leap... the consciousness is always taking quantum leaps of creativity... Today evolutionary biologists say that evolution is punctuated by creativity. So there is a gradual evolution, and then there is a jump... from primate to humans; from amphibians to birds. Today we are also at jump time. That's why Rumi said – "When I die, I shall soar with Angels, when I die to Angels what I shall become, you cannot imagine". Aurobindo said the same thing – "Today Humans are poised for the next quantum Leap in evolution."

4. Uncertainty Principle – It is also called 'Hysenburg's Uncertainty Principle', which says that you cannot know the position and momentum of a particle at the same time... It is neither a wave, nor a particle till you ask that question. If you do a wave like experiment, you get a wave like answer; you do a particle like experiment, you get a particle like answer. What is it before you observe? Neither; a potential wave, a potential particle, a field of possibilities. That's the uncertainty principle.

5. Co-creation with God–

This fifth attribute of the discontinuity says that the universe is unmanifest unless there is a conscious observer to look at it. It means that even God will remain unmanifest unless you are there to observe it; it means that there is no universe unless there is God on one side and you are there to observe it; in the absence of a conscious observer, the universe does not exist. These are very fundamental principles of today's science... There is a beautiful poem of Robert Frost – "We dance around the ring and suppose the secret is in the middle, and no one knows". So in that secret you have these five attributes: - 1. Your soul is a field of pure potentiality; 2. Your Soul is omniscient – it means that it knows every thing when it needs to know everything... It also has intuitions, a contextual intelligence; 3. Your soul is the source of infinite creativity which is quantum in character; 4. Your soul uses uncertainty as a principle of creativity, because when there is no uncertainty there is no creativity; there is proliferation of uncertainty to create and finally; 5. Your soul co-creates with God because God says – "I won't create unless you participate".

So the discontinuity is the key to what we call spirituality. What we call healing is actually

biological creativity. It is the soul that manufactures your mind, manufactures your body, manufactures your perceptions, and ultimately manufactures the whole universe. All perceptions, all cognitions, all emotions, all feelings, all biological functions, all social interactions, all environment and even the forces of nature are simultaneously orchestrated by this level that we call soul, of course, there is a personal level-soul (*jeevatma*), the collective level-God (*Paramatma*), and the universal domain (the *Brahman*). There are connections to all of these, that is the space between our thoughts. That is the value of meditation. Meditation allows you to get in touch with the corridor, a window, the transformational vortex through which your consciousness communicates with the consciousness of the universe, not just this universe, but multiple universes...

Co-creation with God is what we are doing all the time. Sometimes we do it through awareness, (*Vidya*), sometimes we do it without awareness (*Avidya*); but we are doing it... As you wake up, you say—"I will consciously participate in the evolution of the universe by harmonizing the elements and forces within my consciousness

with the elements and forces of the consciousness of the universe.... Today we have come to the stage of evolution where we can begin to understand it intellectually and experience it."

So, we now have scientific explanations that assure us that we are co-creating a new reality along with God. That's what God Shiva says through the self-esteem "*Master Sarvashaktiman*." Let's consciously participate in the evolution of the universe, in other words let's co-create heaven on earth once again; in that process we transform ourselves from human beings to divine beings.

The profundity of scientific explanations of the reality of this universe has been very well brought out in Dr. Chopra's lecture. It is worth noting that such profound truth in respect of the souls (*Atma*) the Supreme Soul or God (*Paramatma*) and His creation (the universe) are being taught in the Brahmakumaris' spiritual university through simple terms that can be understood by all—even uneducated, simple village folk. This has become possible because these teachings are imparted by the Supreme Intellect—"Paramatma" who is

the Supreme Father, Supreme Teacher and Supreme Preceptor. In the Supreme Versions of God Shiva we find all these profound realities. For example, God has mentioned several times in His daily discourses that His children (The Souls) are the creators (*Rachita*) and the time, the matter, the nature, the environment are all their creations. He has, in so many Godly versions, guided us on the ways of exercising the authority of the creator over the creation. Using such directions in practical life, many of the senior sisters and brothers have achieved profound changes in their personality traits (*Sanskaras*). Let us all engage ourselves in this great task of re-establishing heaven on earth. Heaven is the place where deities live. So when we transform ourselves from human being to divine being or deity, the universe will be called heaven or paradise.

We shall continue our discussions on the transformation of human consciousness using Godly versions taught in Brahma Kumaris' Rajyoga centres, the world over, and also examine their scientific correlations.

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FACE-TO-FACE AS FRIENDS

(Continued from June 2005 issue)

— Jose David, Kochi

Jesus said, "The son of man will come in clouds with great power and glory, and gather his elect from the four winds from the ends of earth to the ends of the heavens... I tell you the truth, this generation or race will not certainly pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Mark 13: 30-31)

So this generation or race will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. So this generation will see the end! It will remain to see the Lord's judgment against the nations, to see how they will be destroyed... to see how the mountain will be soaked with their blood, the stars of the heavens dissolving, and the sky rolling up like a scroll... So, what is 'this generation' Christ spoke about? The same generation, to whom Christ spoke, still exists on this earth! So, what is our conclusion?

In Jesus' parable on The Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man was in luxury and Lazarus longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. When the beggar died, the angels carried him to Abraham's side. But the rich man went to hell (*in Greek Hades, which is the underworld or the abode of the spirit of the dead*). In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can any one cross over from there to us.'

He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham replied 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them!'

'No, Father Abraham,' he said, 'If someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' (Luke 17)

So the dead are having another life, in accordance with their past actions. Either they are in Abraham's side as the beggar had it or in hell as the rich man had it, and between these two, a great chasm has been fixed. Which place is this? Of course, it is a purgatory, a place for those who die in the grace of God but have to expiate pardonable sins. If it is a third world, other than the earth and heaven, why is it not mentioned in the story of creation? Our purgatory, the hell or *hades*, by logics can only be this world. It is here that we have to expiate sins. We come to this purgatory again and again.

Agreeing to the theory of reincarnation, I could now reason the death of an infant. It

is settling of accounts. Otherwise that infant life should have no purpose at all, which doesn't match with God's law, for all his creation has a definite design and purpose. If there is no rebirth, how could some people have a vivid memory of their past birth? How could the cases of child prodigies, who could memorize voluminous scriptures at a young age, or excel in particular faculties, be explained? There is no valid explanation for why every child cannot do what a precocious child does.

After being expiated from my sins, I am going to regain the paradise. Then I will see the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband... The angel will show me the river of the water of life... (Revelation 21)

SUCCESS

Freedom of the press is based on the principle which the whole world must practise if we are to have peace, and that is the principle of tolerance— of being able to stand criticism and of realizing that nobody has the infallible truth.

—HENRY CABOT LODGE

Life again will sprout there, another episode, a new cycle of the life drama. This regaining, and losing of the paradise is the story for ever and ever. So the drama is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End...or it is unending...

My initial doubts about the crisis of God and about His creation had now vanished. Instead, I was fascinated about His creation. Fascinated to see how wonderfully He had spread the earth over the waters and filled the earth with His unfailing love.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for my wondrous fashioning, for all the wonders of your creation. Of my soul you had full knowledge, and this mortal frame had no mysteries for you, who did contrive it in secret, devised its pattern, there in the dark recesses of the earth. All my acts your eyes have seen, all are set down already in your record: my days were numbered before ever they came to be. (Psalms 139: 13-16)

My God has come to teach me, the right way. At last, He has come to give us life, in its abundance. And I am invited for His holy banquet. Out of all the peoples of the earth,

the Lord has chosen me to be His treasured possession. I knew that I loved my God with all my heart, with all my soul.

My land Kerala, God's own country, was abundant in its amazing faith. It had no scruples to receive Apostle Thomas and his good news, when he came to us. Traditions have it that he did his first conversion within his first week in Kerala, when the rest of the world was persecuting Christianity. He, supported by the local rulers in Kerala, established the Indian church in our state, probably older than the Vatican church.

Filled with my Lord's spirit of wisdom, I sat for the first time in Baba's room. A rhythmic narration of B.K. Sister Sudha, as if coming from eternity, lifted me out of depths to ascend the hills of my Lord who was in His heavenly throne. It was the most beautiful moment in my life. I said, "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you." He said to me, "You are my son; today, I have become your father. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the Earth your possession."

(To be continued)

MIGHTY MAYA'S LETTER TO ALMIGHTY GOD

– B.K. Rama, Yamuna Nagar
(Translated by B.K. Anoop, Delhi)

There are letters and letters—professional, confessional, business, official, friendly, threatening, intimate, informative, love etc. Everyone writes letters to friends, family members, relatives, higher ups, juniors, subordinates etc., sometime or the other. Some letters are interesting and attractive while some are disgusting and distractive. Even God writes letters to His children when He reincarnates in the corporeal medium of Prajapita Brahma to guide, teach, educate and counsel his spiritual progeny.

Maya, who has been very active since Dwaparyuga in alluring, misguiding, misruling, corrupting the morals and defiling the character of the people, had transformed the world into veritable hell, has been quick to realise the futility of her desires and efforts to continue her Rule (or mis-rule) eternally. Dejected, anguished and feeling like an extinguished fire, she stoops to write a parting letter to the Almighty openly admitting her defeat in bringing the spiritual progeny of God under her influence, thumb and command.

– Editor

Supreme Soul, Supreme Father, Shiv Baba!
Please accept salutations from the stark enemy of your children—Maya.

With much grief, I beg to inform you that I am departing from your children for the forthcoming half a Kalpa. I have been co-existing with them for the last two Epochs, i.e., Dwaparyuga and Kaliyuga. I have developed intense attachment with them and vice versa. But your descent upon earth from the Soul World has created a wide

gulf between our mutual attachment. I feel you have done injustice to me. As soon as you adopted these souls and handed over the spiritual weapons (*Manmanabhav* and *Mamekam*) to them, they began to hate, scold, and insult me.

In turn, I feel jealous of these spiritual warriors in white uniform. My rule is going to end due to them slowly and steadily. Supreme Soul Shiva Baba! My soldiers find themselves incapable to confront or continue the battle against the

sharp-edged weapons of Gyan and Yoga. My soldiers sometimes cast their vicious spell on them and inflict injuries on them. Yet your Murli works as an ointment to heal their wounds and they soon recover.

O' God Almighty, I had been ruling for the last 2500 years, but you have shaken the roots of my kingdom within a short span of time. All of my commanders – lust, Anger, Greed, Ego and Attachment—are being offered as sacrifice in the Yagna founded by you at Mount Abu. I utterly dislike the *swarg* (Heaven). May your children only be blessed with this Paradise **On Earth!** **However, never forget that I will return along with my army in Dwaparyuga and rule over your children again.** I sorrowfully depart now but before my departure, I declare that I am not a coward; I shall certainly attack your creation as soon as they fall under the five vices. I shall again fight with them until my last breath. You keep on protecting your sweet children – my enemies. That's all.

Daring to confront you, Empress of five great Devils, Queen for second half of the Kalpa,

– 'MAYA'

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GURGAON

Seminar at ORC

A seminar-cum-Rajyoga Retreat on "Journey towards Self-Realization and Inner Transformation" was organized by Transport & Travel Wing, Delhi Zone at Om Shanti Retreat Centre (ORC) on 4th and 5th June 2005. This zonal programme was attended by about 165 participants, which included executives from ITDC, Delhi Transport Corporation, Indian Airlines, Alliance Air, Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

Sister Kusum Malik, General Manager, ITDC, insisted on higher involvement of Brahma Kumaris with various organizations related to Transport & Travel Sector.

Brother R.K. Meena, Deputy Secretary (Parliament) Ministry of Railways spoke about the importance of spirituality at work place. He asserted that without being strong spiritually, one cannot excel at work place too.

Brother B.K. Brij Mohan, Editor, Purity, clarified the concept of the spiritual journey.

Bro. B.K. Ram Nath, Zonal Co-ordinator, Transport &

Travel Wing from Vikaspuri Centre spoke about the spiritual empowerment and its benefits. Many of the executives appreciated the programme and shared their experiences.

DIMAPUR

Twenty one students from Dimapur city area who secured top positions in the state of Nagaland in the H.S.L.C. and H.S.S.L.C. Examinations, 2005, conducted by Nagaland Board of School Education, Kohima, were felicitated at a function organised by Brahma Kumaris Rajyoga Education Centre, Dimapur. Amidst two hundred people, including the toppers' parents, guardians, teachers and well-wishers, chief guest Mr. Yajen Aier, former Director of Education, Nagaland, appreciated the selfless activities of the Brahma Kumaris while Mrs. Tiala Sapuh, President of Naga Mother's Hoho inspired the toppers to attain higher education.

Dr. R.K. Behera, the Academic Dean (Higher Secondary), Potkai Christian College, Chunukedima, Nagaland also inspired the students for self-development.

B.K. Satyawati said that the

exceptional results of the students can be sustained through the practice of Rajyoga Meditation.

Swaroop Ganj (Raj.)

VALUES ARE THE REAL BEAUTY

Under the umbrella theme "Living Spirituality for a Value Based Society", a moral awakening programme for students was held in Govt. Girls High School, Swaroop Ganj. Bro. B.K. Bhagwan from the Shantivan Complex of the Brahmakumaris, addressing the students said, "Schools are the real beauty parlours of humanity where we are adorned with virtues." He inspired the students to adopt values such as positivity, humility, tolerance, honesty etc., to make their life worth diamonds. B.K. Dada Dev Saran from Shantivan also addressed the students. The Head Master thanked the BKs for this spiritual service and invited them to provide spiritual and moral guidance to students on daily basis.

Students and teachers at Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Swaroop Ganj, were also inspired to adopt humility, universal brotherhood, tolerance etc., to read good literature, keep good company and pick up virtues from one and all.

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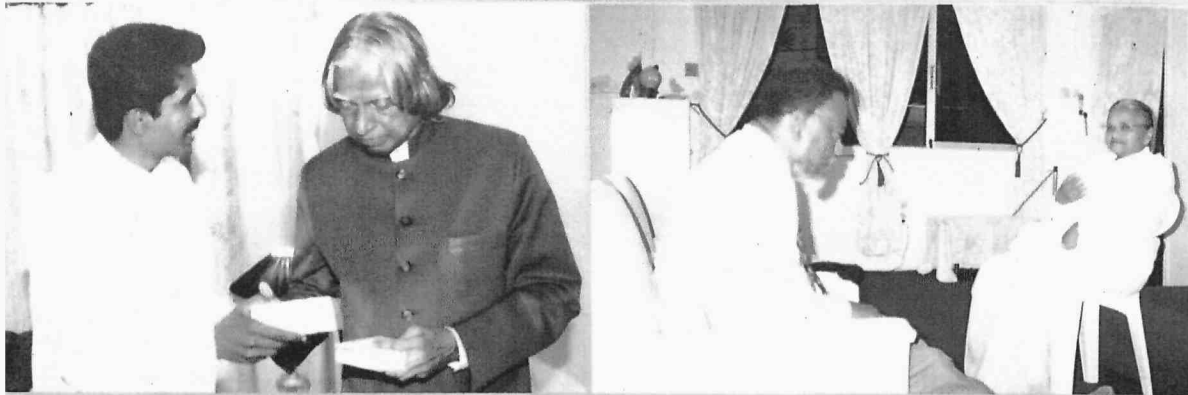
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1. Chnota Udaipur (Gujarat): Bro. Narain Rathwa, State Minister of Rail, being presented a Godly gift by B.K Monica and B.K. Asha. Bro. Chandrakant Patel is also seen. 2. Hyderabad (Shanti Sarovar): Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bro. K. Roshaiah, being presented a Godly gift by B.K Savitri and B.K. Kuldeep after the inauguration of State Launching of "Living Spirituality". 3. Bhadrachalam: B.K. Sujatha presenting Godly gift to Bro. K. Roshaiah, Minister for Finance, Bro. V. Venkateshwara Rao, M.L.A. is also seen. 4. Chandigarh: Launching the project "Living Spirituality for Value-Based Society" are Sis. Kartar Devi, Minister for Health, Haryana, B.K. Achal, B.K. Amir Chand, Dr. K.C. Dubey, Station Director, AIR, Bro. O.P. Langyan, IAS, Haryana and Maj. Gen. (Retd.) MS Kandal. 5. Mumbai (Dadar): Lighting candles to inaugurate a 12-Day camp "Farewell! Tension" are (L-R) Bro. Vijay Patil, former Union Minister, B.K. Ramesh Shah, B.K. Poonam, B.K. Usha and Bro. Eknath Gaikwad, M.P. 6. Sonapur (Orissa): B.K. Mamina welcoming Bro. Anang Uday Singh Deo, Minister of Steel and Supply, Orissa, for inaugurating a Spiritual Exhibition. 7. Shahdol (MP): Bro. Babulal Gaur, Chief Minister, MP, being presented a Godly gift by B.K. Nalini. 8. Sambalpur (Orissa): B.K. Parvati presenting Godly gift to Bro. Jainarayan Mishra, Minister for Transport, Orissa. 9. Dibrugarh (Assam): B.K. Urmila of Shantivan speaking on the subject "Divinity in Art and Culture." B.K. Satyavati and MLA Bro. Kalyan Kumar Gogoi are also seen.



1. Ahmednagar:: President of India, H. E. Bro. APJ Abdul Kalam being presented Godly gift by B.K. Deepak. 2. Georgetown(Guyana): B.K. Sis. Dr. Kumud discussing point of Godly knowledge with Hon'ble Bro. S. Hinds, Prime Minister, when he paid a visit to the B.K. Centre in Georgetown. 3. Mount Abu: At the 3-Day spiritual training programme on "Building Sports Personality through Rajyoga Meditation" for Indian Women Cricket Team are B.K. Dadi Manohar Indira, B.K. Sis. Shashi, B.K. Deepak, B.K. Jagbir alongwith Sis. Mitali Raj, Captain of the team, Sis. Nutun Ghavaskar, Team-Manager and other players. 4. Moscow (Russia): B.K. Sis. Sudha with the delegation of Medical Professionals after a seminar held on the theme 'Peace Of Mind Is The Basis of Sound Health'